GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES FOR FISHERMEN IN KARNATAKA
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had launched a scheme for construction of houses for fishermen in Karnataka at a ratio of 50:50 basis during the year 1997-98;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have released its share;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any proposal to extend this scheme to other costal States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Union Government has released Rs.85.00 lakhs during 1997-98 and Rs.12.50 lakhs during 1999-2000 as its share.

(c): Does not arise.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. The Union Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen with development of model fishermen villages as one of the components in all the states and Union Territories. Under this component the eligible fishermen in inland and marine sector would be provided with basic civic amenities like houses, drinking water and common places for recreation. It is the responsibility of the respective states and UTs to provide land for development of these amenities. A fishermen village may consist of not less than 10 houses. There is no upper limit for the number of houses to be constructed in a village which would depend on the number of eligible fishermen in that village. However, the State should ensure equitable distribution of houses among all villagers in proportion to the number of eligible fishermen, as far as possible. The plinth area and cost of construction of a house would be limited to 35 Sq. Mtrs. and Rs.40,000 respectively. The ceiling on the land and construction indicate the upper limit. The cost of construction would be shared equally between the State and Central Governments. However, in case of Union Territories, the entire expenditure would be met by Government of India.